

## Explosion Damages S. S. Omaha

Crap Game Is Blamed for Wrecking Boiler and Stack of Largest Scout Cruiser in the American Navy.

### Trial Trip Is Started

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 30.—(Special.)—An explosion under one of the four-section battery of boilers in the scout cruiser Omaha, newest addition to the United States navy, put that section of the boilers out of commission and did damage to the craft estimated at \$50,000 last Saturday.

It will be necessary to replace one stack, to repair the section of boilers and to replace two giant searchlight lenses with an estimated value of \$10,000 each, according to workmen. Blame for the damage is laid to a crap game and three members of the crew in charge at the time have been discharged. An official attempt to keep the story from the public has been scheduled.

From the reports coming from men working aboard the vessel, the engineer in charge left his post to indulge in a contest of skill and chance with the "bones," leaving the fire to the care of an inexperienced fireman.

### Explosion in Stack.

The fireman had been told that in the event that the steam felt to turn a certain fuel valve. The fireman confused the valves and turned one which let in a stream of heavy black oil used in laying down a smoke screen. The force of the explosion mostly went up the stack, burning this out and warping boiler tubes. It is reported that the damaged searchlights were located one on either side of the damaged stack and so close that the lenses were cracked by the intense heat.

J. A. Eves, president of the Todd Dry Dock and Construction corporation, builders of the Omaha, flatly denied that there had been an explosion.

Capt. David C. Hanrahan, commander of the ship, admitted the accident, but refused to give much detail. He said that workmen had immediately repainted the stack and cleared things up preparatory to the visit of the naval inspection committee here today.

### Three Boilers Working.

Guaranteed to make a speed of nearly 40 miles an hour, the Omaha, highest powered cruiser of the United States navy, left the yard of the Todd Dry Dock and Construction corporation here today on her trial speed trip, but three of her four boilers "working."

The trial trip is on a 100-mile journey on Puget Sound to prove that she can make 34 knots—almost 40 miles—per hour.

She is in command of Capt. David C. Hanrahan, who is enthusiastic over his new charge.

"A finer ship of her type than the scout cruiser Omaha does not float," he declared.

"I have never seen a ship better built. The finest workmanship is (Turn to Page Two, Column Two.)"

### Soldiers Identified as Payroll Bandits

Hampton, Va., Jan. 30.—Corporals Wood and Harvey, both of Langley field, were named today by Capt. Norman B. Cota as the two men who held up the post's pay car here this morning and made off with \$42,000.

The four enlisted men, who were members of the pay car party, agreed with Captain Cota in his identification. The two corporals have been missing from the post since this morning.

### Legislature of Montana

#### May Repeal State Dry Law

Helena, Mont., Jan. 30.—A measure to repeal all prohibition laws of the state and leave enforcement entirely in the hands of federal officials was introduced in the lower house of the state legislature today by 23 members.

Notice also was given of a bill to be introduced which would amend the present dry laws and repeal the act permitting prescription of liquor by physicians. It was reported by Joseph Pope, head of the Montana Anti-Saloon league, is preparing a prohibition measure to retain the state's prohibition enforcement department.

### First Snow Seen in Lifetime

#### Seen by Coast Residents

San Luis Obispo, Cal., Jan. 30.—The first real fall of snow in the life of many middle-aged inhabitants fell here today. The snow was declared to be the heaviest since February 25, 1875. For half an hour the snow came down heavily. Since the establishment of the weather bureau in 1895 there has been no snow for such a length of time. The snow lay on the ground for a few minutes during the worst of the storm, covering blooming rose bushes, geraniums and other plants, but melted within a few minutes.

### Robert Wood Bliss Named

#### New Minister to Sweden

Washington, Jan. 30.—The senate today confirmed the nomination of Robert Wood Bliss of New York, now third assistant secretary of state, to minister to Sweden. J. Butler Wright of Wyoming to be third assistant secretary of state, and Philip Elling of Kingston, N. Y., to be collector of customs for the port of New York.

## Omaha Is Finest Ship Afloat, Says Captain



Capt. D. C. Hanrahan.

## Night Sessions Are Threatened on Credits Bill

Republican Leaders Fail to Get Agreement on Closing of Debate—Incipient Filibuster Apparent.

Washington, Jan. 30.—A situation which had some earmarks of an incipient filibuster resulted in the senate today, when republican leaders renewed their efforts to expedite pending rural credits legislation. Several attempts to reach an agreement as to a time for closing debate having failed, suggestions of night sessions were reiterated by the majority.

Senator Lenroot, republican, Wisconsin, a co-author of the bill under consideration, broke into a series of set addresses from the democratic side to protest against the apparent policy of delay. There was grave danger, he said, that unless more progress was made the senate would be unable to render assistance vitally needed by the farmers. Mr. Lenroot's protest followed an address by Senator Ashurst, democrat, Arizona, regarding the necessity for some new method of adopting constitutional amendments.

### Opposed to Haste.

Senator Fletcher, democrat, Florida, said there was no doubt of its ultimate passage, but asserted there could be no justification for extreme haste in reaching a vote. Senator Harrison, democrat, Mississippi, concurred in this view, warning the majority that "no strong arm method" could be employed without causing trouble. He suggested that a vote be taken next Tuesday, but Mr. Lenroot declared he expected a decision before that time.

Senator Fletcher then sought unanimous agreement that all debate cease at 4 p. m. Monday, but Senator Jones, Washington, objected, though he said he would agree to closing debate Friday.

### Threaten Night Sessions.

An effort to compromise was made by Senator Smith, democrat, South Carolina, who suggested Saturday, but Mr. Jones again demurred, renewing the suggestion of night sessions if the minority desired extra time for consideration.

"That is a serious proposal," Senator Fletcher declared. "With this town full of grip and flu, I for one will not risk my life by coming here at night. The mortality rate among senators is already pretty high."

Other suggestions of compromise having failed, Senator Harrison moved for a recess, but was defeated, 34 to 18, and consideration of routine amendments was resumed, the body being held in session until it had disposed of all thus far proposed.

### \$16,000,000 Deficiency Reported for Pensions

Washington, Jan. 30.—A deficiency estimated at \$16,452,000 for the interior department was transmitted to congress today by President Harding. The largest item was \$16,000,000 for pensions, and it was explained that it resulted from the change in the method of paying pensions from quarterly to monthly installments.

### Engagement Is Denied.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 30.—Published rumors of an engagement to Harold Lloyd, motion picture comedian, were denied here today by Mildred Davis, film actress.

### The Magnificent Adventure

—by—

EMERSON HOUGH

Begins Friday in

The Morning Bee

## Flinn Case May Draw to Close Today

Ten Persons of All Parties to Trial of John Flinn, Attorney, Testimony.

### Family Garbed in Black

The aged mother, two brothers and other relatives of John Flinn, all clad in black, sat in federal court yesterday afternoon while the state presented its evidence against Thomas N. Flinn, a fair-haired youth, who is on trial for the murder of Salerno the night of October 7, 1922. The small courtroom was crowded with spectators, most of them from the Italian section of the city.

Many women clustered around Flinn before and after court to shake hands with him.

### Tells of "Death" Route.

John Spartano, proprietor of the Lyons hotel, 111 North Thirteenth street, told how he and Flinn and Elsie Parkhurst, who works at the hotel, started out in Spartano's automobile the night of October 7 and after visiting several resorts came to Seventh and Pierce streets, where John Flinn saw Flinn and accused him of being "a stool pigeon" for the federal prohibition enforcement department.

John Flinn called his brother, Sebastiano, who took him, Spartano and Flinn in his Cadillac car to the Sportsman cigar store, Fifteenth and Harney streets, where John entered and asked Sol Abrams whether Flinn was "the stool pigeon who 'knocked over' Morris Rubin's place."

Abrams then joined the party and they proceeded to the Hog Ranch cabaret in East Omaha, where Rubin was dancing that evening. There, he said, Rubin identified Flinn, and then the party returned, dropping Abrams at Sixteenth and Farnam streets and then proceeding to Sixth and Pierce streets, where Spartano alighted.

### Brother Testifies.

Sebastiano Salerno, brother of the dead man, testified that he heard no loud talk or dispute during the entire trip. He said he was turning his car at Sixth and Pierce streets when he heard three shots fired.

"I was holding an automatic pistol in my left hand against my brother's heart," said Sebastiano. "I heard John say, 'I'm dying, I'm dying.' Then Flinn fired three shots at me, but I ducked and they went through the windshield."

### Reads Statement of Witness.

Assistant County Attorney Stalmark read the testimony of Elsie Parkhurst. She stated that John Flinn, when he met Flinn first, accused him of being "a stool pigeon," and then struck him, knocked him down and kicked him several times. She said also that he forced him into the big car when he and Sebastian took him up town for identification.

### Direction of Car Told.

Policeman Jack Rose, Sebastiano Bonello, Alfie Popovina and Mario Transil all testified that the death car was headed in a northwesterly direction when the shooting occurred. This is important because of Flinn's claim that he shot because he believed the brothers were taking him down to the river to "bump him off."

The prosecution is not asking the death penalty. The jury, in accordance with federal court custom, was taken to a hotel last night in charge of Bailiff Anton Gross.

### Plunkett Not Disturbed by Burning of Home in Ireland

Madison, Wis., Jan. 30.—Sir Horace Plunkett, when informed of the report from Ireland that his home had been destroyed by Irish rebels, said that if such a thing had happened, "it is sad, but I can bear it."

"I might have expected something like that," he added, "and further, it is not so bad as if it had been a poor man's one-room house that was destroyed. I am pleased to see that evidently no one was killed or injured."

### Evidence Held Insufficient in U. P. Stolen Bonds Case

Chicago, Jan. 30.—Municipal Judge Schulman today held there was not sufficient evidence to uphold a charge of receiving stolen property against John W. Worthington, former private banker, but continued the case until February 21. He was alleged to have been in possession of bonds stolen from the Union Pacific railway company at Omaha, and his counsel contended there was no evidence to show he knew the bonds had been stolen. The state then asked for and obtained a further continuance.

### Jury to Try Land Salesman Is Selected in Chicago

Chicago, Jan. 30.—The jury to try 12 defendants of the Daniel Hayes company of Idaho, who are under federal indictment on charges of using the mails to defraud in connection with the sale of California lands, was completed today. It is alleged by the government that the company sold land in California through the mails for \$200 per acre. The land, according to government agents, was practically worthless.

## Man of 75 With 57 Years' Service in Army Oldest Claimant for Bonus Pay

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 30.—(By A. P.)—Col. Ezra B. Fuller, 75, with a record of 57 years active service in the United States army, is the oldest claimant in his own name for the Illinois soldier bonus.

His application was opened Monday at the office of the service recognition board.

Colonel Fuller, who gives his residence as Rockford, entered the army May 17, 1864, as a member of the One Hundred Forty-First Illinois infantry. He was graduated from West Point military academy July 1, 1882. In May 1904, he was appointed lieutenant colonel after 40 years continuous service and was detached from active duty, but two years later was returned to duty. He served through the world war and until relieved from active duty July 1, 1922.

## Final Session of Peace Parley Is Set for Today

Hope for Peaceful Adjournment Is Still Held by Some Delegates—Child Active as Mediator.

Lausanne, Jan. 30.—(By A. P.)—The long-heralded final session of the near eastern conference will be held tomorrow morning at 10:30 in the quaint little Chateau of Ouchy. Whether there will be a rupture or an adjournment of a nature that will be equivalent to a rupture, or whether there will be a continuation of the negotiations which eventually may lead to peace, are moot questions tonight.

The Turks have the answer to the existing problem; but nothing definite or reliable is available from Turkish circles to justify any reasonable prediction of what the morrow has in store. The Turks are furious over the treaty as it stands.

"Have you read this treaty?" asked one Ottoman delegate of the correspondent as he emerged from his study this evening, pale and seemingly exhausted.

### Tied in Knot.

"Well," he added, "look at the economic capitulations. They tie Turkey up in a knot."

Desperate attempts to have the conference continue are going on unfruitfully. Richard Washburn Child, the American ambassador, is active in efforts at mediation, and Lord Curzon, M. Boncompagni and Marquis di Geronzi went into an important conference tonight. These efforts to straighten out the tangle will be continued up to the opening of tomorrow's session. The atmosphere is heavy with apprehension tonight, but hopes are still held by some that a collapse of the conference may be prevented.

The Egyptian delegation tonight addressed a protest to the conference against the clause in the conference treaty by which Turkey is called upon to renounce all its rights over Egypt and the Sudan, dating from 1914.

The Egyptians declare the carrying out of this provision would only permit Great Britain to fasten its grip on Egypt. They appealed to the world to remember that the powers in 1918 proclaimed a willingness to establish peace on the basis of President Wilson's principles for the self-determination of peoples.

### Turks Sign Protocol.

In addition to the two conventions relating to the return of war prisoners and hostages and the obligatory exchange of populations by Turkey and Greece, the Turkish delegation at (Turn to Page Two, Column One.)

### Nephew of Indicted Chicago Boss Nabbed

Chicago, Jan. 30.—Early trials for the 24 men indicted by a grand jury on charges of conspiring to obtain \$1,000,000 from the Chicago board of education funds were anticipated here today when it became known that all the defendants, including Fred Lundin, reputed political "boss" and supporter of Mayor William Hale Thompson, was on his way here to submit to arrest, give bond and ask for immediate hearing.

All of the men indicted—a number of them past or present officers, members of the Chicago school board—were said to be in Chicago except Lundin and Virtus Rohm, his nephew. Recent reports said Lundin was in Cuba.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 30.—Virtus Rohm, indicted by the Cook county, Illinois grand jury, was arrested last night and is being held at the city jail on telegraphic warrant for Chicago officers.

### Best Known Dog in Nebraska Dies Trying to Reach Owner

Lincoln, Jan. 30.—(Special.)—Shack, a Scotch Collie and best-known and loved dog in Lincoln, and, perhaps, in Nebraska, died today on the state-house steps as he was endeavoring to reach his master, George Koster, state fish and game warden, so he could die at his side.

Sometime during the morning Shack ate a piece of meat which had been covered with strychnine by someone who didn't love dogs as Shack loved all humans.

A girl entering the statehouse saw Shack reeling and frothing at the mouth. Shack staggered into the hallway towards the office of his master, but fell in convulsions before he reached his destination.

Koster and his dog were inseparable in Lincoln. Everywhere Koster went Shack was sure to go, either with or without permission. There was no sanctity to a governor's office or a committee room for Shack if Koster were there. Shack stayed outside until someone opened the door when he pushed his way through and snuggled at the side of his master.

## Finding the Cat



## Greeks of 1923 Ordered Ready for Army Call

Minister Announces No Exemptions Will Be Granted—Demonstrations for Mustafa Kemal.

Geneva, Jan. 30.—(By A. P.)—The Greek minister at Bern, through the newspapers, has notified Greeks of the class of 1923 to hold themselves in readiness for a call to the colors. He said there would be no exemptions.

### London, Jan. 30.—Interest in the

near east situation revived by the dispatch from Constantinople, reporting the departure of Mustafa Kemal Pasha from Smyrna, for Ankara and such demonstrations as usually take place before the outbreak of war.

The Turkish nationalist leader is reported to have visited the grave of his mother where he swore that he would rather join her in death than allow the sovereignty which the Turkish people regained at the price of blood, to be imperilled."

### Plunkett's House Set on Fire by Irish Rebels

Dublin, Jan. 30.—(By A. P.)—Sir Horace Plunkett's house at Fox Rock, County Dublin, was raided by an armed band today. After expelling the occupants the visitors blew up the front part of the residence. The explosion shook the village.

"Sir Horace is in the United States and the only occupants of his residence were servants."

A message to the Central News says the Plunkett residence was destroyed. The residence of a brother-in-law of William Cosgrave, president of the dail, and the homes of Messrs. Money and Brewster, directors of the Irish Independent, have been set on fire, it was reported.

### Women Must Wear Knickers.

Atlantic City, N. J., Jan. 30.—Knickers for women is the edict of the New Jersey retail clothing, in convention here. The fashion arbiters decided that the short skirt shall be replaced this coming season by knickers. Resorts in the south already are witnessing the latest styles in knickers, it was said.

### Low Dockstad, Comedian, Paralyzed by Fall on Ice

New Brunswick, N. J., Jan. 30.—Low Dockstad, veteran minstrel, today is lying in a local hotel virtually paralyzed. Mr. Dockstad, who is 62 years old and weighs 200 pounds, slipped on the ice and fell last night while returning to his hotel after a performance at a local theater. He made his way to a hotel and went to bed. Physicians said that his spine was injured and his condition serious.

### 30 Days for Pete Boyd.

Pete Boyd, arrested by deputies of Sheriff Endres in a raid on the basement under the Orpheum Gardens January 18, and who forfeited \$100 bond in police court the next day on a charge of conducting a disorderly house, was haled into police court and sentenced to 30 days in jail.

Boyd pleaded not guilty and indicated he will appeal.

## Day's Activities in Washington

President Harding accepted the invitation of Chile and Peru to act as arbitrator under the Tacna-Arica protocol.

Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, reintroduced his resolution requesting President Harding to call an international economic conference.

A special senate committee was named to investigate the feasibility of constructing a nine-foot channel between the Great Lakes and the Gulf of Mexico.

Secretary Mellon expressed opposition to the Bureau bill, which would establish \$1,000,000,000 credit for Germany to buy food stuff in the United States.

A bill providing for consolidation of the diplomatic and consular services with free interchange of personnel was reported by the house foreign affairs committee.

Announcement was made that Henry P. Fletcher, ambassador to Belgium, would head the American delegation to the Pan-American congress to be held in March at Santiago, Chile.

The Interstate Commerce commission authorized the New Sweden group of Cleveland to take over control of the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad by assuming seven places on its board of directors.

Secretary Weeks, it became known, hopes after March 4 to visit Florida and possibly Porto Rico and to inspect army posts in the canal zone and Hawaii as well as in various parts of the country.

Commissioner Blair of the internal revenue bureau ruled that contributions to the Woodrow Wilson Foundation subsequent to its incorporation last December 26, were legally exempt from application of the income tax laws.

Efforts to limit debate on the Lenroot-Anderson rural credit bill failing, Senator Lenroot, republican, Wisconsin, announced he would propose that the senate hold night sessions until a final vote is reached.

The Standard Oil company of California, pioneer in the establishment of an eight-hour day in the oil industry, has paid cash dividends of \$102,120,000 and three stock dividends totaling 143 per cent since 1914, and last June 30 had a \$137,106,000 surplus, its president, K. R. Kingsbury, testified at the senate investigation.

### House Committee Near End of Work on Immigration Law

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Among the various bills before the committee is one denying admission to the United States of persons not eligible to citizenship under the recent supreme court decision. This bill, if enacted into law would bar Japanese among others.

Another bill, in the hands of the committee would reduce the immigration quotas of all nations from 3 per cent of those there, based on the census of 1910, to 2 per cent, based on the census of 1890. The effect of the provision, it was said, by its sponsors, would be to increase the percentage of immigration from northern Europe.

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## Borah Renews Proposals for Peace Parley

Asserts Administration Drifting Aimless While New European Catastrophe Impends.

Washington, Jan. 30.—Asserting that the administration is drifting aimlessly while a new European catastrophe impends, Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, today renewed his proposal for an international conference to work out a solution of the world's economic ills.

The situation growing out of the French occupation of the Ruhr valley, Senator Borah contends, is rapidly approaching a disaster which can be averted only by the United States. When he addresses the senate within the next day or two, he expects to lay particular emphasis on the danger of a new triple alliance between Germany, Russia and Turkey.

The three allied, he holds, would be powerful enough to precipitate a new world war into which the United States almost inevitably would be drawn.

The conference which he proposes, he says, would provide a bridge over which France could gracefully move out of Germany as soon as it becomes apparent to the French that occupation of Germany is the wrong way of dealing with the reparations question.

### Plans Economic Parley.

The Borah proposal was submitted to the senate in the form of a resolution requesting the president to invite such nations as he may deem desirable to a conference "charged with the duty of considering the economic problems now obtaining throughout the world with a view of arriving at such adjustments or settlements as may seem essential to the restoration of trade and to establishment of sound financial and business conditions."

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## Whip Used on Germans by French

Embassy Receives Official Statement That Women Are Driven From Work in Dusseldorf.

### Will Breach Obstinacy

Washington, Jan. 30.—(By A. P.)—A charge that women employees of the telegraph office at Dusseldorf, in the Ruhr, "have been driven with blows of riding whips from their offices" was made in a German foreign official statement received today at the Germany embassy here.

### Fate in Own Hands.

Dusseldorf, Jan. 30.—(By A. P.)—"Germany's fate is in her own hands. Nothing will make us diverge from the course which has been laid before us. We will take whatever time and measures are necessary."

In these words, General Degoutte, allied commander-in-chief in the occupied zone, today summarized the situation in the Ruhr from the standpoint of the French and Belgians.

"We came here with pacific intentions," he went on. "The German government responded with every possible effort to provoke a general uprising among the population. Moderation is not a sign of weakness. Our patience has reached its limits; responsibility for the evils that may strike their country lies with the German government."

"When the French and Belgian forces entered the district," he said, "they promised to treat the normal life of the inhabitants as little as possible and asked the workers to continue at their labor calmly and orderly."

### Government Pressure Used.

"Our appeal to the population, inspired by common sense and reason," he continued, "was on the verge of being accepted when the Berlin government used all means of pressure to cause the people to rise against us. The wisdom of the working classes having made this plan a failure, the Berlin rulers enjoined the functionaries and state officials to enter into open rebellion against us."

"Strikes, sabotage and boycotts have been resorted to," he added, "but the occupying forces had not lost their heads and given way to the immoderation which, he said, characterized "the principles of Bismarck."

The allies could not continue in the way they had started. They were determined to break the stubbornness of their adversaries and officials who obstructed them would be arrested or expelled, as would also "all people who will not recognize the power conferred on us by the peace treaty and by international law."

In the further actions which were to be taken, he intimated the pressure would be brought to bear not upon the German workers, but upon their government.

### Live Wire Kills Beatrice Lineman

Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 30.—(Special.)—Sidney L. Davis, 24, working on a substitution for the Beatrice Electric company, was electrocuted this evening at the hydro-electric plant near Barnestown, Neb. He had held the wire which came in contact with a high tension transmission line. Thirty-three thousand volts passed through his body. He was the son of Joseph Davis, farmer living southeast of Beatrice. He had been in the employ of the company about a year.

### His Wife Runs Away; Slain; Husband Held for Murder

Akron, O., Jan. 30.—Mrs. Josephine Sherlin, 28, was killed and her husband, George, was arrested on a charge of murder and her alleged lover was held on a charge of suspicion.